

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Kouki FUKUI et al. : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**  
Serial No. NEW : Attorney Docket No. 2004\_0447A  
Filed March 23, 2004 :  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO REDUCE PTO FILING FEE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.